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Prescribed Fire Planned Near Quemado Lake Estates

(Quemado, NM – January 30, 2006) Quemado Ranger District plans to conduct prescribed fire activities on the Quemado Lake Estates Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) project on January 31, 2006. The project will establish a safety zone and is expected to take one day to complete. If the project cannot be completed on January 31 it may be postponed to later dates, sometime between February 1 and February 3, 2006.

The project is located 14 miles south of Quemado, north of Quemado Lake, and northeast of Quemado Lake Estates. There are approximately 40 acres of the original 143 acres left to be treated. Quemado Lake Estates currently has only one way to enter (ingress) and leave (egress) the subdivision. Creation of this safety zone provides an additional escape route and a safety zone in case of wildland fire.

Protection of private property and firefighter safety are primary concerns with this project. Roads, especially those on the south and west, may serve as escape routes, safety zones, and fuel breaks to aid in protecting private property.

Smoke from the burn may linger in the area at night and early morning. Smoke is expected to disperse daily as daytime temperatures increase and daytime winds establish. Visibility may be limited during burning operations.

For further information, please contact the Quemado Ranger District at (505) 773-4678.

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